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Dear [REDACTED]

I have several times expressed to you my conviction that the CIA, and indeed the whole intelligence community, would derive immense benefit from continuing close contact with a group of scientific advisers who could bring into our counsels the qualities of imagination, originality and inventiveness that have proved so valuable in other fields. Now that the work of the [REDACTED] Committee and particularly of your Intelligence Panel is approaching completion, I am anxious to make definite plans for a permanent Scientific Advisory Board.

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It would be difficult to find a group of men as well qualified for this purpose as the members of the Intelligence Panel. Moreover, they enjoy the additional advantage of a familiarity with the intelligence activities of the Government gained during the past few months. Accordingly, I am asking you and other members of the Panel to undertake this task. I hope very much that Dr. [REDACTED] will also be willing to associate himself actively with the work of this Board and will devote to it just as much time as his schedule permits. In view of the press of his other duties, however, I suggest that you serve as its active executive head and chairman. I believe we are agreed that it would be desirable from time to time to add other distinguished men to its membership, either permanently or in connection with some special project.

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Within the CIA, you and your colleagues will be advisers to me and to the Deputy Director. I hope you will concern yourselves with the work of all parts of the organization, including the Clandestine Services under the Deputy Director (Plans) and the intelligence gathering and processing offices under the Deputy Director (Intelligence). Administratively you will be attached to my Special Assistant for Planning and Coordination, who will work with you on matters having to do with our longer range plans. But it is clearly understood that you will have direct access to all the senior officers of the Agency, as well as, of course, the Deputy Director and myself.

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No elaborate organizational arrangements will be necessary. You, Dr. [REDACTED], and the other members of the Board will all be consultants to this Agency and your financial arrangements with us will be the same as those that have obtained during the last few months. We will have an office and a secretary at your disposal in the South Building close to my own office. You may

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wish to have an executive secretary who could help to keep you advised of developments which are of interest to the Board and could also follow up on activities set in motion by the Board. I will rely heavily upon you to select your own fields of interest, although I will retain the right to ask you to concern yourself with particular matters that seem to me to require and to merit your attention. I would hope that you could arrange a minimum schedule of regular meetings of the full Board here in Washington. It would be perfectly appropriate, however, for you to hold some of your meetings and to do part of your work in Cambridge or elsewhere at your own convenience.

It will be a source of great pleasure to me if these arrangements are satisfactory to you and if you and your colleagues can accept this assignment forthwith. In the meanwhile, I want to express my appreciation for the contribution you have already made to the national security through your work on the [REDACTED] Committee.

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Sincerely yours,

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